

ages supported under this title with incubators with similar missions and ages that are not supported under this title.

**SEC. 99. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title \$20,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2003, 2004, and 2005.

**SA 3405.** Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. WYDEN) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3401 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) to the bill (H.R. 3009) to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that Act, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 229, line 23, strike all through "United States," on line 25, and insert the following: "foreign investors in the United States are not accorded greater rights than United States investors in the United States,".

**SA 3406.** Mr. ALLEN (for himself, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mr. WARREN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3401 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) to the bill (H.R. 3009) to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that Act, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate location, insert the following:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the "Homestead Preservation Act".

**SEC. 2. MORTGAGE PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM—**

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF PILOT PROGRAM.**—The Secretary of Labor (referred to in this section as the "Secretary") shall establish a pilot program under which the Secretary shall award low-interest loans to eligible individuals to enable such individuals to continue to make mortgage payments with respect to the primary residences of such individuals.

(b) **ELIGIBILITY.**—To be eligible to receive a loan under the program established under subsection (a), an individual shall—

(1) be an individual who—

(A) is determined by the Secretary to be a member of a group of workers described in section 250(a)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2331);

(B) is an adversely affected worker with respect to whom a certification of eligibility has been issued by the Secretary of Labor under chapter 2 of title II of such Act (19 U.S.C. 2271 et seq.); and

(C) is receiving adjustment assistance under such chapter;

(2) be a borrower under a loan which requires the individual to make monthly mortgage payments with respect to the primary place of residence of the individual; and

(3) be enrolled in a job training or job assistance program.

(c) **LOAN REQUIREMENTS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—A loan provided to an eligible individual under this section shall—

(A) be for a period of not to exceed 12 months;

(B) be for an amount that does not exceed the sum of—

(i) the amount of the monthly mortgage payment owed by the individual; and

(ii) the number of months for which the loan is provided;

(C) have an applicable rate of interest that equals 4 percent;

(D) require repayment as provided for in subsection (d); and

(E) be subject to such other terms and conditions as the Secretary determines appropriate.

(2) **ACCOUNT.**—A loan awarded to an individual under this section shall be deposited into an account from which a monthly mortgage payment will be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of such loan.

(d) **REPAYMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—An individual to which a loan has been awarded under this section shall be required to begin making repayments on the loan on the earlier of—

(A) the date on which the individual has been employed on a full-time basis for 6 consecutive months; or

(B) the date that is 1 year after the date on which the loan has been approved under this section.

(2) **REPAYMENT PERIOD AND AMOUNT.**—

(A) **REPAYMENT PERIOD.**—A loan awarded under this section shall be repaid on a monthly basis over the 5-year period beginning on the date determined under paragraph (1).

(B) **AMOUNT.**—The amount of the monthly payment described in subparagraph (A) shall be determined by dividing the total amount provided under the loan (plus interest) by 60.

(C) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit an individual from—

(i) paying off a loan awarded under this section in less than 5 years; or

(ii) from paying a monthly amount under such loan in excess of the monthly amount determined under subparagraph (B) with respect to the loan.

(e) **REGULATIONS.**—Not later than 6 weeks after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall promulgate regulations necessary to carry out this section, including regulations that permit an individual to certify that the individual is an eligible individual under subsection (b).

(f) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2007.

(g) **TERMINATION.**—The program established under this section shall terminate on the date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

**SA 3407.** Mr. GREGG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3401 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) to the bill (H.R. 3009) to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that Act, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows

On page 275, strike line 17 and all that follows through line 22, and insert the following:

(2) **CONDITIONS.**—A trade agreement may be entered into under this subsection only if such agreement—

(A) makes progress in meeting the applicable objectives described in section 2102 (a) and (b) and the President satisfies the conditions set forth in section 2104; and

(B) does not infringe upon the right to bear arms protected by the second amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

**NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS**

**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the infor-

mation of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Saturday, May 18, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Forest Service Region 2 auditorium, located at 740 Simms St. in Golden, CO.

The purpose of the hearing is to assess the Federal, local, and State coordination with respect to the National Fire Plan and review the existing Federal fire-related partnership programs to enhance cooperation and efficiencies with non-Federal entities.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. Those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should e-mail it to shelleybrown@energy.senate.gov or fax it to (202) 224-4340.

For further information, please contact Kira Finkler of the committee staff at (202) 224-8164.

**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to inform my colleagues and the public of a hearing postponement.

The committee hearing originally scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, at 9:30 a.m. in SH-216 concerning S.J. Res. 34, a joint resolution approving the site at Yucca Mountain, NV, for the development of a repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel, pursuant to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, will be held on Wednesday, May 22, at 9:30 a.m., in SD-106.

For further information, please contact Sam Fowler 202/224-7571 of the committee staff.

**NOTICE—PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

Financial Disclosure required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, as amended and Senate Rule 34 must be filed no later than close of business on Wednesday, May 15, 2002. The reports must be filed with the Senate Office of Public Records, 232 Hart Building, Washington, DC. 20510. The Public Records office will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. to accept these filings, and will provide written receipts for Senators' reports. Staff members may obtain written receipts upon request. Any written request for an extension should be directed to the Select Committee on Ethics, 220 Hart Building, Washington, DC 20510.

All Senators' reports will be made available simultaneously on Friday, June 14th. Any questions regarding the availability of reports should be directed to the Public Records office (224-0322). Questions regarding interpretation of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 should be directed to the Select Committee on Ethics (224-2981).

**APPOINTMENTS**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President,